

PROCLAMATION PRIDE OF DAKOTA MONTH MARCH 2005 PRIDE OF DAKOTA SCHOOL LUNCH DAY MARCH 22, 2005

WHEREAS, North Dakota is a leader in the production of quality agriculture and home-crafted products for the United States and the world, and the Pride of Dakota program serves as an important marketing tool for North Dakota companies who are competing in a global market; and

WHEREAS, Pride of Dakota is celebrating 20 years of helping North Dakota businesses develop and expand domestic and foreign markets for their products; and

WHEREAS, the Pride of Dakota program has more than 400 active and associate members that are competing in the global marketplace and making important contributions to North Dakota's economy; and

WHEREAS, all North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize the state's food industry and to show their pride in and appreciation for those who produce and process the food we eat; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, schools statewide will participate in *Pride of Dakota School Lunch Day* by featuring North Dakota grown and processed foods on their lunch menus; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 2005, PRIDE OF DAKOTA MONTH, and March 22, 2005, PRIDE OF DAKOTA SCHOOL LUNCH DAY in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State